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SUBJECT: TEXT CSM, FEBRUARY 12, SCHMIDT FROM JERUSALEM, P.1

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HEADLINE: KISSINGER HOPEFUL IN ISRAEL -- BARGAINING STAGE

BEGIN TEXT: HAK IS "VERY HOPEFUL FOR CHANCES OF PROGRESS"  
AFTER HIS FIRST TWO MEETINGS HERE WITH ISRAELI PRIME  
MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN TO DISCUSS FURTHER STEPS TOWARD A  
MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

THIS WAS THE WORD FROM A SENIOR KISSINGER AIDE, WHO ADDED  
THAT BARGAINING WOULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL AFTER HAK VISITS  
CAIRO FOR TALKS WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT WEDNESDAY.

BEFORE THE KISSINGER PARTY REACHED JERUSALEM MONDAY,  
A SENIOR OFFICIAL WHO PREFERS NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED DID  
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SOME DEEP THINKING ALOUD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ACCOMPANY-

ING PRESS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE "INTANGIBLES" WHICH  
ARE THE BIG CONCERN ON THIS TRIP.

ONE OF THESE, SAID THE OFFICIAL, CONCERNS PEACE AND GOOD-  
WILL AND THE OTHER, TIME. HISTORY IS REplete WITH  
EVIDENCE OF THE FRAGILITY OF FORMAL AGREEMENTS FOR PEACE  
OR OTHER PURPOSES. MORE DURABLE IN THE OPINION OF THE  
OFFICIAL IS GOODWILL. IT MIGHT THEREFORE BE MORE  
IMPORTANT FOR ISRAEL TO GENERATE SOME OF THAT THAN TO GET  
SOMETHING IN WRITING IN RETURN FOR FURTHER ISRAELI  
WITHDRAWALS IN EGYPT'S FAVOR IN SINAI. THE QUESTION IS  
HOW TO GO ABOUT IT.

HOW MUCH RESISTANCE?

AS FOR TIME, THE OFFICIAL SAID, ISRAELIS MUST CONSIDER HOW  
LONG THEY CAN GO ON RESISTING BY FORCE THE PRESSURE OF  
100 MILLION OR MORE ARABS. WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME TO  
COME TO TERMS? A MISCALCULATION, HE SAID, COULD BE  
FATAL.

HOW COULD GOODWILL BE GENERATED FROM MR. SADAT'S POINT OF  
VIEW, THE OFFICIAL ASKED, WITHOUT DAMAGING HIS STANDING  
IN THE ARAB WORLD, GIVEN THE DIFFICULTY HE HAS IN  
MAKING WRITTEN COMMITMENTS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF  
NONBELLIGERENCE? HOW, ON THE OTHER HAND, COULD AN  
UNWRITTEN COMMITMENT BE MADE ACCEPTABLE TO AN ISRAELI  
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE TO ITS PARLIAMENT?

SOME OTHER POINTS MADE BY THE SENIOR OFFICIAL:

HAK WILL UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE ANY TALKS WITH THE  
PLO, THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, ON THIS TRIP.  
THE PALESTINIANS, WHO APPEAR TO BE "SORTING THEMSELVES  
OUT", WILL HAVE TO COME AROUND TO THE STAND OF THE ARAB  
STATES IN RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST BEFORE  
AN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE CAN TALK TO THEM. ...  
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